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8	BEFORE THE		
9	BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
10		ALIFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. VN-2006-1606	
12	JUANITA BUITRAGO 775 Sweeny Street	PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION	
13	San Francisco, CA 94136	TETITION TO REVOKE FRODATION	
14	Vocational Nurse No. VN 147359		
15	Respondent.		
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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	PAR	<u>XTIES</u>	
19	1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.	N. (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke	
20	Probation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational		
21	Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about January 30, 1990, the B	oard of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric	
23	Technicians issued Vocational Nurse Number V	N 147359 to Juanita Buitrago (Respondent). The	
24	Vocational Nurse License was in effect at all tin	nes relevant to the charges brought in this Petition	
25	to Revoke Probation and will expire on Novemb	er 30, 2011, unless renewed.	
26	3. In a disciplinary action entitled "In t	he Matter of Accusation Against: Juanita	
27	Buitrago " Case No. VN-2006-1606, the Board of	of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric	
28	Technicians, issued a decision, effective Septem	ber 27, 2008, in which Respondent's Vocational	

1	Nurse License was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Vocational		
2	Nurse License was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and		
3	conditions. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.		
4	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
5	4. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Board of Vocational Nursing		
6	and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the		
7	following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwis		
8	indicated.		
9	FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION		
10	(Compliance with Probation Program and Quarterly Reporting Requirements)		
11	5. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 2 stated:		
12	Compliance with Probation Program and Quarterly Report Requirements.		
13	Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation established by the Board, and shall cooperate with the representatives of the Board in its monitoring		
14	and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Probation Program.		
15	Respondent shall submit quarterly reports, under penalty of perjury, in a form required by the board. The reports shall certify and document compliance with all the		
16	conditions of probation.		
17	6. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with		
18	Probation Condition 2. Specifically, Respondent failed to cooperate with the Board's		
19	representatives in the monitoring of her compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.		
20	SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION		
21	(Notification to Employer(s))		
22	7. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 5 stated:		
23	Notification to Employer(s). When currently employed or applying for employmen		
24	in any capacity in any health care profession, Respondent shall notify her employer of the		
25	probationary status of Respondent's license. This notification to the Respondent's current health care employer shall occur no later than the effective date of the Decision.		
26	Respondent shall notify any prospective health care employer of her probationary status with the Board, prior to accepting such employment. This notification shall be by		
27	providing the employer or prospective employer with a copy of the Accusation and Disciplinary Decision of the Board.		
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The Health Care Profession includes, but is not limited to: Licensed Vocational Nurse, Psychiatric Technician, Registered Nurse, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, and all other ancillary technical health care positions.

Respondent shall cause each health care employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board. The reports shall be on a form provided by the Board, shall include a performance evaluation and such other information as may be required by the Board.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in employment status. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, if she is terminated from any nursing or health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination.

8. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with Probation Condition 5. Specifically, Respondent failed to ensure that her part-time employer, Around the Clock Nurse Registry (Around the Clock) submitted a *Work Performance Evaluation* form on her behalf from April 2009, through January 2010. Respondent was notified via correspondence dated April 1, 2009, that it is her responsibility to ensure that a *Work Performance Evaluation* was completed and submitted in a timely manner. In addition, Respondent failed to notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of a change in employment status. Respondent's correspondence dated September 30, 2010 indicates that she has not worked for Around the Clock since January 31, 2010, and failed to notify the Board as required.

THIRD CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Abstain from Controlled Substances)

9. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 14 stated:

Abstain From Controlled Substances. Respondent shall completely abstain from the personal use or possession of controlled substances, as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4021 and 4022 of the Business and Professions Code, except when lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a bona fide illness.

10. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with Probation Condition 14. Specifically, Respondent failed to abstain from controlled substances as required. The Board received a positive result for a drug test taken on April 6, 2010 for Ethanol/Codeine/Morphine. A review of her April - June 2010 *Quarterly Written Report* fails to list any prescription medication information as required. To the question, "Are you currently taking prescription medications?" Respondent answered "no" and listed the

sobriety date for drugs as "3/9/07." In her correspondence dated October 4, 2010, Respondent	
wrote that she mistakenly took Tylenol with Codeine for a headache received after her April 6,	
2010 relapse.	
FOURTH CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION	
(Abstain from Use of Alcohol)	
11. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 15 stated:	
Abstain From Use of Alcohol. Respondent shall completely abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages during the period of probation.	
12. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with	
Probation Condition 15. Specifically, Respondent failed to abstain from alcohol as required. She	
admitted to consuming alcohol and tested positive for alcohol on April 6, 2010. Respondent also	
admitted to consuming alcohol on or about September 10, 2010.	
FIFTH CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION	
(Submit Biological Fluid Samples)	
13. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 16 stated:	
Submit Biological Fluid Samples. Respondent shall immediately submit to	
biological fluid testing, at Respondent's cost, upon request by the Board, or its designee. There will be no confidentiality in test results; positive test results will be immediately	
There will be no confidentiality in test results; positive test results will be immediately reported to the Board, and the Respondent's current employer.	
14. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with	
Probation Condition 16. Specifically, Respondent failed to submit to biological fluid testing	
(BFT) to document her abstinence from alcohol and illegal drugs as required. The Board	
previously approved The Permanente Medical Group, Inc. as her BFT provider and directed her	
to switch to one (1) of the Board's three (3) approved BFT providers via correspondence dated	
April 15, 2010, no later than April 30, 2010. Respondent failed to respond to the Board.	
After her second relapse, Respondent was directed to enroll with Pharmatech Labatories &	
Diagnostics Inc. by October 29, 2010, which she did. However, Respondent was not tested to the	

Board's standards from May 1, 2010 through September 28, 2010.

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MATTERS IN AGGRAVATION OF PENALTY

15. Complainant alleges, by way of aggravation of any penalty to be imposed in this matter, that Respondent has a long history of alcohol abuse by her own admission and actions. Respondent was placed on probation as a result of referring herself into a rehabilitation program. The underlying action which prompted her admission to the rehabilitation program was an incident which occurred on March 3, 2007, which she failed to disclose. On March 3, 2007, Respondent was having a conversation with a co-worker in the parking lot of her employer, Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. For unknown reasons, Respondent slashed the tires of her co-worker's vehicle and fled the scene. She was witnessed committing the act, arrested, and charged with violating Penal Code section 594, subdivision (2)(A) (vandalism) and Penal Code section 647, subdivision (f) (public drunkenness). On or about September 24, 2007, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, in Case No. 2306355, as a result of Respondent's successful completion of diversion, the criminal charges of violating Penal Code sections 594, subdivision (2)(A), and 647, subdivision (f), were dismissed.

<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision:

1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians in Case No. VN-2006-1606 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed, thereby revoking Vocational Nurse License No. VN 147359 issued to Juanita Buitrago (Respondent);

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1	2. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License No. VN 147359, issued to
2	Respondent; and
3	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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5	DATED: January 19, 2011.
6	PERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. Executive Officer
7	Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians Department of Consumer Affairs
8	State of California Complainant
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Exhibit A

Decision and Order

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians Case No. VN-2006-1606

BEFORE THE 1 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 2 BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 3 4 In the Matter of the Accusation Case No. VN-2006-1606 5 Against: 6 JUANITA BUITRAGO 775 Sweeney Street 7 San Francisco, CA 94136 8 Vocational Nurse License No. 9 VN 147359 Respondent. 10 11 DECISION 12 13 The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the 14 Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs¹ as the final Decision in the above-entitled matter. 15 16 17 This Decision shall become effective on Sept. 27, 2008 18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 11 day of 2008 August. 19 20 21 22 PATRICIA HARRIS 23 Deputy Director, Board/Bureau Support Department of Consumer Affairs 24 25 26 27 ¹Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 101.1(b), on July 1, 2008, the director became vested with the 28

duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric

Technicians.

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9	BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
ıo	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA	
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. VN-2006-1606	
12	JUANITA BUITRAGO	OAH No.	
13	775 Sweeney Street San Francisco, California 94136 Vocational Nurse License No. VN 147359	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
14	Respondent.		
15	respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND	AGREED by and between the parties to the	
18	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
19	PARTIE	<u>S</u>	
20	1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S	.N., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive	
21	Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psyc	chiatric Technicians. She brought this action	
22	solely in her official capacity and is represented in the	nis matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney	
23	General of the State of California, by Carol S. Rome	o, Deputy Attorney General.	
24	2. Juanita Buitrago (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding	
25	and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represe	ented by counsel.	
26	3. On or about November 30, 19	90, the Board of Vocational Nursing and	
27	Psychiatric Technicians issued Vocational Nurse License No. VN 147359 to Juanita Buitrago		
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(Respondent). The Vocational Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2009, unless renewed.

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4. The parties understand and agree that, pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 101.1(b) and 150, if the Board becomes inoperative or is repealed, the Department of Consumer Affairs shall succeed to and is vested with all the duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction not otherwise repealed or made inoperative of that board and its executive officer; that the department is under the control of the Director of Consumer Affairs; and that any reference to the inoperative or repealed Board in this stipulation and disciplinary order shall be understood to mean the Director of Consumer Affairs.

JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. VN-2006-1606 was filed before the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 20, 2007. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. VN-2006-1606 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. VN-2006-1606. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up 1 2 each and every right set forth above. 3 **CULPABILITY** 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in 4 Accusation No. VN-2006-1606. 5 10. Respondent agrees that her Vocational Nurse License is subject to 6 7 discipline and she agrees to be bound by the imposition of discipline by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below. 8 9 **CONTINGENCY** 10 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Vocational 11 Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for 12 Complainant and the staff of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, may communicate directly with the Board, regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to 13 14 or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees

and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the

Technicians fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement

Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric

- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Vocational Nurse License No. VN 147359 issued to Juanita Buitrago (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

- Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, including all statutes and regulations governing the license. Respondent shall submit, in writing, a full and detailed account of any and all violations of the law to the Board, within five (5) days of occurrence. To ensure compliance with this term, respondent shall submit two (2) completed fingerprint cards and the applicable fingerprint processing fees to the Board, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision, unless the Board determines that fingerprint cards were already submitted by Respondent as part of her licensure application process effective July 1, 1996. Respondent shall also submit a recent 2" x 2" photograph of herself within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision.
- 2. Compliance With Probation Program And Quarterly Report Requirements. Respondent shall fully comply with terms and conditions of the probation established by the Board, and shall cooperate with the representatives of the Board, in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Probation Program.

Respondent shall submit quarterly reports, under penalty of perjury, in a form required by the Board. The reports shall certify and document compliance with all the conditions of probation.

- 3. Notification of Address And Telephone Number Change(s).
 Respondent shall notify the Board, within five (5) days of a change of residence or mailing address, of her new address and any change in her work and/or home telephone numbers.
- 4. **Notification of Residency or Practice Outside of State.** Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, if she leaves California to reside or practice in another state.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, upon her return to California.

The period of probation shall not run during the time Respondent is residing or practicing outside California.

5. Notification to Employer(s). When currently employed or applying for employment in any capacity in any health care profession, Respondent shall notify her employer of the probationary status of Respondent's license. This notification to the Respondent's current health care employer shall occur no later than the effective date of the Decision. Respondent shall notify any prospective health care employer of her probationary status with the Board, prior to accepting such employment. This notification shall be by providing the employer or prospective employer with a copy of the Accusation and Disciplinary Decision of the Board.

The Health Care Profession includes, but is not limited to: Licensed Vocational Nurse, Psychiatric Technician, Registered Nurse, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, and all other ancillary technical health care positions.

Respondent shall cause each health care employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board. The reports shall be on a form provided by the Board, shall include a performance evaluation and such other information as may be required by the Board.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in employment status. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, if she is terminated from any nursing or health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination.

- 6. Interviews/meetings With Board Representative(s). Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board, or its designated representatives.
- 7. Employment Requirements And Limitations. During probation,
 Respondent shall work in her licensed capacity in the State of California. This practice shall
 consist of no less than six (6) continuous months and of no less than twenty (20) hours per week.

While on probation, Respondent shall be allowed to work for **STAT Nursing Services only**. Furthermore, any change of employment must be approved by Respondent's

probation monitor, in writing.

8. **Supervision Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board, before commencing any employment, regarding the level of supervision provided to Respondent while employed as a licensed vocational nurse.

Respondent shall not function as a charge nurse (i.e., work in any healthcare setting as the person who oversees or directs licensed vocational nurses, psychiatric technicians, certified nursing assistants or unlicensed assistive personnel) during the period of probation except as approved, in writing, by the Board.

9. Completion of Educational Course(s). Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) substantially related to the violation(s) no later than the end of the first year of probation; or Respondent shall be suspended from practice, until she has enrolled in and has successfully completed the specified coursework.

The coursework shall be in addition to that required for license renewal. The Board shall notify Respondent of the course content and number of contact hours required. Within thirty (30) days of the Board's written notification of assigned coursework, Respondent shall submit a written plan to comply with this requirement. The Board shall approve such plan prior to enrollment in any course of study.

Upon successful completion of the course, Respondent shall cause the instructor to furnish proof to the Board within thirty (30) days of course completion.

10. **Maintenance of Valid License.** Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.

Should respondent's license, by operation of law or otherwise, expire, upon renewal or reinstatement respondent's license shall be subject to any and all terms of this probation not previously satisfied.

11. Cost Recovery Requirements. Respondent shall pay to the Board, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.3 the costs of investigation and enforcement in this matter in the amount of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars). Respondent shall

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be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with the payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term. Failure to complete payment of cost recovery within this time frame shall constitute a violation of probation which may subject Respondent's license to outright revocation.

The Board may conditionally renew or reinstate, for a maximum of one year, the license of any respondent who demonstrates financial hardship. Respondent shall enter into a formal agreement with the Board, to reimburse the unpaid costs within that one year period.

Except as provided above, the Board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any Respondent who has failed to pay all the costs as directed in a Decision.

- 12. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed revocation of the Respondent's license. If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke has been filed against the Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against the Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board. Upon successful completion of probation, the Respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 13. Rehabilitation Program. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall enter a rehabilitation and monitoring program specified by the Board. Respondent shall successfully complete such treatment contract as may be recommended by the program and approved by the Board.

Components of the treatment contract shall be relevant to the violation and to the respondent's current status in recovery or rehabilitation. The components may include, but are not limited to: restrictions on practice and work setting, random bodily fluid testing, abstention from drugs and alcohol, use of work site monitors, participation in chemical dependency rehabilitation programs or groups, psychotherapy, counseling, psychiatric evaluations and other appropriate rehabilitation or monitoring programs. The cost for participation in this program shall be paid by Respondent.

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Abstain From Controlled Substances. Respondent shall completely

ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. DATED: EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California WILBERT E. BENNETT Supervising Deputy Attorney General Romeo CAROL S. ROMEO Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant Attachment: Accusation No. VN-2006-1606

Exhibit A

Accusation Case No. VN-2006-1606

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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 2875 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2840, et seq.).
- 5. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1 of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
- 6. Section 2878 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter for any of the following:
- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, [certain enumerated categories]"
- 7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

- 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878(a) of the Code on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct, as follows:
 - a. On or about March 12, 2007, Respondent referred herself to the

1	Residential Rehabilitation Program at MPI Chemical Dependency Treatment Services (Alta		
2	Bates Summit Medical Center) in Oakland, California for assistance with her chemical abuse		
3	problem, to wit: Alcoholism. On or about March 2007, Respondent admitted that she was an		
4	Alcoholic and that this had caused significant problems in her personal life, including her		
5	employment.		
6	PRAYER		
7	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein		
8	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:		
9	1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 147359,		
10	issued to JUANITA BUITRAGO;		
11	2. Ordering JUANITA BUITRAGO to pay the Board the reasonable costs of		
12	the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code		
13	section 125.3;		
14	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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16	DATED: September 20, 2007		
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18	TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.P.H., R.N.		
19	Executive Officer		
20	Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians State of California Complainant		
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